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## How Many Lives Will This Cost?

As a retired LEO I can say first hand that requiring Oregon gun owners to lock up their firearms will cost lives not save them. When guns are locked you can not quickly access them for self-defense. Below are a few citizens who because their guns were NOT LOCKED UP were able to save themselves and others from great harm. A few sample examples just from one month March 2019. As you may note ONE gun owner is from GRANTS PASS, Oregon.

I urge you to rethink this misguided legislation.

Regards,

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Also the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in a 2013 report concluded that studies routinely find that Americans use firearms in defense of themselves or others between 500,000 and 3 million times every year. I will note the Center for Disease Control is far from a pro-gun organization.

Below are a few limited examples from just one month in March 2019

—**March 2, Los Lunas, New Mexico.** A homeowner, responding to knocking at his door, was [confronted by two individuals](#), one holding a knife and the other a baseball bat. They forced their way in and demanded money. The homeowner was able to retrieve his firearm, then shot and wounded both intruders, who collapsed outside and were arrested.

—**March 7, Caro, Michigan.** A man in violation of [probation](#) was trying to break into a owners home when he was stopped by the armed home owner. The would-be thief—already convicted of third-degree home invasion in 2016—was arraigned on 20 different counts, including attempted murder.

—**March 10, Chicago.** A woman [shot a man in self-defense](#) after he began physically assaulting her, breaking her hand and covering her body in cuts and bruises.

—**March 11, Grants Pass, Oregon.** A man [forced his way into his ex-girlfriend's home](#) and cornered her in the bedroom with her son. The woman, who had called 911 before to report the man for entering her home and threatening her, fired her gun at him in fear for her life and that of her son. The man, hospitalized with non-life-threatening injuries, was charged with assault and menacing.

—**March 18, Hoke County, North Carolina.** Allen Thomas Jr. [used his 12-gauge shotgun](#) to scare away several people who unlawfully entered the townhouse he rents. Thomas is running for lieutenant governor of the state.

—**March 22, Fillmore, Utah.** A homeowner awoke to loud yelling outside his front door. He grabbed his firearm and opened the door, [where an ax-wielding man](#) under the influence of drugs confronted him. Seeing that the homeowner was armed, the intruder returned to his car and drove away. When he was arrested later, law enforcement officers said they found five knives, two hatchets, and a can of pepper spray in his car.

—**March 26, Indianapolis.** An armed intruder [wearing a tactical vest](#) with the word “police” emblazoned on it tried to confine a homeowner and his family to one room. The homeowner pulled his own firearm and shot the intruder, who fled the house. He later was arrested and charged with false imprisonment and impersonating a public servant.

